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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to the July 5, 2000, Supplemental Restriction Requirement ("Restriction Requirement") in the above-identified application, Applicants elect to cancel claims 2-3, and all claims dependent therefrom, rather than to elect a species from Items 2A or 2B of the Restriction Requirement. Applicants elect the species comprising the combinatorial library of small organic molecules (^{claim 22}) in Item 2C of the Restriction Requirement. Applicants also provisionally elect, with traverse, to cancel claim 25, rather than to elect a species from Item 2D.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel elected claims 2-5 and 7-11 without prejudice. In addition, cancel claims 28-30 as pertaining to non-elected claims.

Provisionally cancel claim 25, subject to the outcome of the decision regarding Applicants' traverse of the Examiner's requirement to elect a species in Item 2D of the Restriction Requirement.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1, 6, 12-24, 26-27 and 31 will be pending in the application. Claims 2-5, 7-11 and 28-30 will be canceled without prejudice. Claim 25 will be provisionally canceled, without prejudice, pending the outcome of the traverse to the species election under Item 2D in the Restriction Requirement. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the